

**IC 16-31**

**ARTICLE 31. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**IC 16-31-1**

Chapter 1. General Provisions

**IC 16-31-1-1**

**Intent**

Sec. 1. (a) The general assembly declares that the provision of emergency medical services is a matter of vital concern affecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Indiana.

(b) It is the purpose of this article:

(1) to promote the establishment and maintenance of an effective system of emergency medical service, including the necessary equipment, personnel, and facilities to ensure that all emergency patients receive prompt and adequate medical care throughout the range of emergency conditions encountered;

(2) that the emergency medical services commission established under IC 16-31-2 shall cooperate with other agencies empowered to license persons engaged in the delivery of health care so as to coordinate the efforts of the commission and other agencies; and

(3) to establish standards and requirements for the furnishing of emergency medical services by persons not licensed or regulated by other appropriate agencies.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14.*

**IC 16-31-1-2**

**Essential purpose of political subdivisions**

Sec. 2. The provision of emergency medical service is an essential purpose of the political subdivisions of the state.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14.*

**IC 16-31-1-3**

**Religious objections to medical treatment**

Sec. 3. This article or a rule adopted under this article does not authorize transporting to a hospital or medical treatment of a person who objects to medical treatment on religious grounds.

*As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.14.*